



## Fact Sheet:



# **California Outcomes Measurement System**

The California Outcomes Measurement System (CalOMS) is a statewide client/customer based data collection and outcomes measurement system for alcohol and other drug prevention and treatment services.

CalOMS will allow the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) to effectively manage and improve the provision of services to alcohol and other drug (AOD) clients and customers at the state, county, and provider levels while providing data to meet federal reporting requirements.

Phase 1 of CalOMS will address the following business needs.

- Document client/customer demographics
- Identify AOD trends and risks
- Satisfy federal reporting requirements that include the Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) reporting requirements.

Phase 1 will also serve to establish the foundation for addressing future business needs.

- Demonstrate that services are cost effective
- Identify effective practices
- Identify ways to improve services
- Provide data for assuring continued funding and enhances potential for new funding
- Increase provider, county, and state collaboration.

CalOMS is designed for the providers and counties to collect and send data to ADP while providing services. This process avoids duplicate data entry; honors existing relationships between providers, counties and ADP; and preserves privacy and confidentiality.

Information from the CalOMS database will provide ADP, counties and policy makers on local, State and federal levels with the data necessary to improve treatment delivery systems and document the economic and societal benefits of AOD treatment.

To refine the specific requirements of CalOMS, ADP has formed the Outcome Monitoring Program Implementation Workgroup. The Workgroup includes representatives of the counties, AOD prevention and treatment service providers, the AOD research community, and ADP.

The Outcome Monitoring Program (OMP) is a cycle of continual improvement in the delivery of prevention and treatment services which maximizes client/customer confidentiality.

Starting with a business needs assessment, OMP will identify and prioritize specific data needs; implement an automated data collection process; analyze the data; convert the data into business knowledge; and apply the knowledge through improved policies and procedures.

The California Outcomes Measurement System (CalOMS) is the automated data collection tool which will gather, house and manage Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) services data.

The OMP Implementation Workgroup plays a pivotal role in moving California towards the ongoing collection and reporting of AOD outcomes data.

The members of the OMP Implementation Workgroup work collaboratively to define the processes, practices, methods and timeline for developing and deploying the CalOMS system.

The workgroup will make recommendations for the collection of outcomes data and on adjustments to the CalOMS scope and requirements.

The workgroup will work collaboratively with all sectors of the field to develop a plan and schedule for the implementation of CalOMS data collection in the field.

For more information about CalOMS or the OMP Implementation Workgroup, please visit our website at <http://www.adp.ca.gov/CalOMS/CalOMSmain.shtml>